

Dear Members of the Connecticut Human Services Committee:

My name is Imelda Diaz, I am a mother and I live in Hartford. I support **HB 6616: An Act Relating to the Expansion of HUSKY Health Benefits for Persons Ineligible Due to Immigration Status**. I am a member of the Hartford Deportation Defense.

Because they don't have medical insurance, sometimes I don't take care of myself as I should. One time I was seeking medical help to see if they could do an exam for my foot, because I walk with a crutch. The first thing they ask is if you have health insurance. Since I don't have any, they didn't treat me or give me options. Having access to HUSKY, it would be very different. I could have an exam done on my leg, maybe one day receive therapy or be able to walk without a crutch.

I am 50 years old. I'm here supporting HB 6616 because this is very important to the health of all immigrants in Connecticut. It is important that they look at what opportunities there are to continue improving, so that there is access to the HUSKY for all ages.

Thanks for your time,

Imelda Diaz